

IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a job storage device that stores a job input by a user;

an adjustment item-detecting device that detects items of mechanical adjustment for the apparatus from contents of at least one job stored in the job storage device;

a display device that displays an adjustment table describing the items of mechanical adjustment detected by said adjustment item-detecting device;

an adjustment item-selecting device that allows the user to select an item of mechanical adjustment on which adjustment should be executed, from the items of mechanical adjustment described in the adjustment table displayed on said display device; and

an adjustment executing device that executes adjustment on the item of mechanical adjustment selected by the user using said adjustment item-selecting device before the execution of a job is started.

25. (Currently Amended) The An image forming apparatus according to Claim 24, further comprising:

a job storage device that stores a job input by a user;

an adjustment item-detecting device that detects items of adjustment for the apparatus from contents of at least one job stored in the job storage device;

a display device that displays an adjustment table describing the items of adjustment detected by said adjustment item-detecting device;

an adjustment item-selecting device that allows the user to select an item of adjustment on which adjustment should be executed, from the items of adjustment described in the adjustment table displayed on said display device;

an adjustment executing device that executes adjustment on the item of adjustment selected by the user using said adjustment item-selecting device before the execution of a job is started; and

an output device that outputs contents of the adjustment table displayed on said display device according to an instruction of the user.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An image forming apparatus according to Claim 24, further comprising:

a job storage device that stores a job input by a user;

an adjustment item-detecting device that detects items of adjustment for the apparatus from contents of at least one job stored in the job storage device;

a display device that displays an adjustment table describing the items of adjustment detected by said adjustment item-detecting device;

an adjustment item-selecting device that allows the user to select an item of adjustment on which adjustment should be executed, from the items of adjustment described in the adjustment table displayed on said display device;

an adjustment executing device that executes adjustment on the item of adjustment selected by the user using said adjustment item-selecting device before the execution of a job is started; and

an adjustment contents-storing device that stores contents of the item of adjustment on which the adjustment is executed by said adjustment executing device.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An image forming apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein comprising:

a job storage device that stores a job input by a user;

an adjustment item-detecting device that detects items of adjustment for the apparatus from contents of at least one job stored in the job storage device;

a display device that displays an adjustment table describing the items of adjustment detected by said adjustment item-detecting device;

an adjustment item-selecting device that allows the user to select an item of adjustment on which adjustment should be executed, from the items of adjustment described in the adjustment table displayed on said display device;

an adjustment executing device that executes adjustment on the item of adjustment selected by the user using said adjustment item-selecting device before the execution of a job is started; and

a post-processing apparatus is connected, and,

wherein the items of adjustment include an item of adjustment for the post-processing apparatus.

28. (*Previously Presented*) An image forming apparatus comprising:

    a registering device capable of registering a plurality of jobs;

    an image forming device that forms images corresponding to the jobs registered in the registering device;

    a discriminating device that discriminates between items for which maintenance is required and items for which maintenance is not required among maintenance items for the apparatus when all the registered jobs are executed;

    a display device that displays the items for which maintenance is required and the items for which maintenance is not required in different display manners according to the results of discrimination by said discriminating device; and

    a permitting device that permits start of execution of the registered jobs upon completion of maintenance on the items for which maintenance is required.

29. (*Previously Presented*) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein the display device shades in gray only the items for which maintenance is not required.

30. (*Previously Presented*) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein:

    said image forming device comprises a plurality of image forming devices;

    when a job is registered in the registering device, one of the image forming devices in which the job is loaded is set; and

    the discriminating device, the display device, and the permitting device are controlled so that the start of execution of the job associated with each of the image forming devices is permitted.

31. (*Previously Presented*) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 30, further comprising a management device connected to each of the image forming devices so as to communicate therewith, for managing each of the image forming devices, wherein the management device includes the registering device, the discriminating device, the display device, and the permitting device.